



September 2017

Dear Parent:

Welcome to Awana 2017-18!

This letter will give you an overview of Awana at Winnetka Bible Church so that you know what to expect and your children get the most out of their time with us.

Awana is a global, nonprofit ministry committed to the belief that the greatest impact for Christ starts with kids who **know, love** and **serve** Him. The mission of Awana is to help "reach kids, equip leaders and change the world for God."

Our Awana club is a partnership between Winnetka Bible Church and Evanston Bible Fellowship. We have clubs for children ages 2 years old through High School, including Puggles, Cubbies, Sparks, T&T, Trek, and Journey.



Awana is fun & exciting. Game time is always a highlight of the night when everyone gets to shout, run, and cheer for their team. Our gym has two game circles. Be sure your children wear or bring gym shoes every week!

Music is also fun with a learning element. We have a talented and dedicated music team that loves leading the boys and girls in singing and worship.

Many consider Handbook/Small-Group time and Large Group time the core of Awana. These segments are where your children will read, hear, and actively learn about God's Word from the Bible. The age appropriate handbooks are designed so that each child can complete it during the club year and progress to the next book the following year. You can help support your child's progress in his or her handbook by encouraging them and working with them at home.



Please check-in with the greeter in the lobby and get your child's name tag. At end of night we ask each parent to sign-out their children. For security, we ask everyone to enter **and leave** only from the front lobby door. Please have your children use the bathroom before club to minimize the need for bathroom trips during club time.

You are invited to join us as we begin the evening with a brief flag ceremony promptly at 6:45pm in the Fellowship Hall (lower level) for all age groups. At 7:00 pm all groups will be dismissed to their activities. Puggles and Cubbies will be taken to their rooms (NH 101 and 103).

There are designated locations for coats, boots, and book bags for each club:

-Puggles and Cubbies - The hall outside their rooms

-Sparks - The pegs on the wall outside their rooms FL 103-104. The gym coat-racks are for book bags.

After game-time they will pick up their book bags as they leave the gym for their large and small group times.

-T&T - The lobby coat-room for coats & boots.

The evening is structured as follows:

- 6:45 pm - Arrival/Welcome/ Opening Flag Ceremony – 5 minutes
- Music – 10 minutes
- Rotations through: Handbook/Small-Group time, Game time, Large Group
- 8:00 pm - Puggles and Cubbies pick-up at rooms
- 8:15pm - Dismissal for Sparks (from Sparks room), T&T, and Trek. Please check-out your student with the club Director before leaving through the front doors.

We strive to start and end Awana according to the schedule. Please be prompt in picking up your children – Puggles & Cubbies from their rooms at 8:00 pm, Sparks from their room and T&T from the gym at 8:15 pm. Please decide where to meet your Trek student after 8:15 pm. After 8:25pm any remaining students will be taken to the lounge adjacent to the lobby to wait with leaders for a parent or guardian.

Should it be necessary to cancel a club night for any reason, such as due to weather, official notice will be sent from WBC to the primary email you provided when you registered for Awana.

You are always welcome to stay, observe, or be part of the activities. Please let a leader know at check-in and you will be given a visitor name badge. We can still use helpers, listeners, or leaders in Puggles, Cubbies, T&T, and Trek. Please let me know if you wish to volunteer!

Mission and service opportunities will be announced during the year and include.



1. Samaritan's Purse – Operation Christmas Child (Christmas boxes)
2. Food Drive – New Trier Township Food Pantry
3. Another to be determined



You may contact me with any questions, concerns, or if you wish to help in any way.

For the Gospel,

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